

I feel that the broadcast flag is unnecessary and implementing restrictions based on it should not be mandated.

There are currently copyright laws that are used to protect the rights of content producers. But the main result of mandating this protection scheme seems to be limiting the home recording rights of consumers. I personally would not like to see these rights eroded.

I also feel that this mandated copy protection would not significantly hinder improper distribution of content. It seems likely that the actual protections would be defeated (take dvd's and macrovision for examples). While copyright protections may make it more difficult to record (even for legitimate uses), it only takes one copy released to the internet to spread to millions of people.